Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 20 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Monday 21 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Sunday 20 Dec 2020 at 03:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the generally showery pattern, medium to low for the extent of longer periods of snow and rain for Monday, then confidence recovering for the showery northwesterly flow from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 20 Dec 2020: Gales over summits. Showers, snow at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 20 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	50%	50%	30%	80%	70%

Forecast for Sunday 20 Dec 2020

Weather: Mostly cloudy with bright spells and showers. During the evening the showers will build from the west, bringing the chance of longer periods of snow and rain, also perhaps hail and thunder. Snow level 800-1000m with temporary blizzard conditions over the summits. .

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: By day 60% then during the evening 30% with bases lowering in and around showers to 500-700m, more generally later in longer periods of snow and rain.

Visibility: Good or very good lowering, but moderate or poor in showers and very poor at times at height.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/48 SW	38/48 SW	38/49 SW	41/53 S	47/61 S	36/47 SW	33/43 SW
900	28/38 SW	28/37 SW	29/39 SW	31/42 S	32/45 S	26/37 SW	24/34 SW
600	38/45 SW	38/46 SW	35/45 SW	39/49 S	42/54 S	30/40 SW	28/37 SW
300	18/29 SW	20/30 SW	20/31 S	21/33 S	23/35 S	16/27 SW	14/24 SW
Glen	13/26 SW	15/30 SW	15/31 SW	16/33 S	18/35 S	13/27 SW	12/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-11	-2/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13	-3/-14	-2/-11	-1/-10
900	1/-7	0/-7	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	1/-6	1/-6
600	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6	2/-7	3/-3	4/-3
300	5/0	5/-0	5/-1	4/-1	4/-2	6/1	6/2
Glen	7/3	6/2	7/3	6/2	6/1	7/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	800m	800m	800m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Hazardous conditions expected across highest peaks with a severe wind chill and gales, also temporary blizzard conditions.

Forecast for Monday 21 Dec 2020
Weather: A showery day with outbreaks frequent, bringing the risk of hail and thunder, also perhaps merging into longer periods of snow and rain at times. Snow level around 800m lowering 500m from afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwest 20-25mph with gusts reaching 35mph across more exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% with bases lowering in and around showers or longer periods of snow and rain 500-700m.

Visibility: Good or very good lowering to a handful of kilometres in showers or longer periods of snow and rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius increasing 8 Celsius for a time during the afternoon
At 800m: Zero Celsius lowering Minus 3 Celsius for a time during afternoon and early evening
Freezing level: 800m lowering 600m for a time during afternoon and early evening

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